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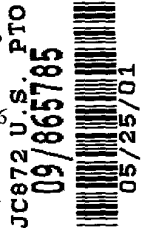
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INFLAMMATION OF MUCOSAL TISSUE

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	72
Claims	7
Abstract	1
Declaration	1
Drawing(s)	2 (formal)

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 1 page.
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/177,273, filed October 22, 1998. In addition, this application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application serial no. 60/086,397, filed May 22, 1998, U.S. provisional application 60/083,272, filed April 28, 1998, U.S. provisional application 60/063,418, filed October 28, 1997, U.S.

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provisional application 60/063,414, filed October 28, 1997, U.S. provisional application 60/062,709 filed October 22, 1997. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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